



ISSUE DATE: 1/22/2026

BID TITLE: 01-26 Mowing Services

Sealed BIDS for **Mowing Services** will be received by the Tuscaloosa County Park & Recreation Authority (PARA) at the Park Operations Conference Room at 1600 James I. Harrison Blvd. East, Tuscaloosa, until 10:00 a.m. (local time), **Wednesday, February 10, 2026**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

1. The Project:

The Project shall be known as **Bid #01-26 Mowing Services**, and the general character of said project shall consist of the following: **All permits, labor, equipment, tools, and services to provide mowing services.**

2. Plans and Specifications: Specifications and all related Contract Documents may be obtained electronically from the following contact: Adrian Cleckler, 205-562-3210, acleckler@tcpara.org.

3. Qualification of Bidders:

- A. All bidders must be responsible for meeting the criteria and requirements outlined in the Instructions to Bidders and the bid proposal.
- B. Prequalification of Bidders **IS NOT** required.
- C. PARA may not contract with a non-resident corporation or entity not qualified under State law to do business in Alabama.
- D. All bidders shall possess all other licenses and/or permits required by applicable law, rules, or regulations for the performance of the work.
- E. PARA reserves the right to reject all bids and/or reject and rebid the Project should it determine the same is in PARA's best interest.

4. Bid Bonds: Each bidder must submit with its bid a cashier's check drawn on an Alabama bank or a fully executed bid bond on the form that is contained in the Contract Documents, executed by a surety company duly authorized and qualified to make a bond in the State of Alabama. All bonds, sureties, and/or cashier checks will be made payable to PARA for an amount not less than 5 percent of the total bid in the proposal, but in no case more than \$10,000.00.

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

1. Bidding, General:

- A. All bids must be made upon the bid proposal forms contained in the contract documents, and all blanks shall be appropriately filled in and the bid proposal executed as required.
- B. Any bidder may withdraw their bid, either personally or by telegraphic or written request (not by facsimile), at any time before the scheduled opening time for receipt of bids, except as provided in Ala. Code §39-2-11(b)(c)(d). No bid may be withdrawn after the opening of bids, before the time of returning bid bonds as provided for herein.
- C. Any unauthorized conditions, limitations, or provisos attached to the bid proposal, except as otherwise provided herein, will render a bid proposal informal and may cause its rejection. Unbalanced bids may be rejected.
- D. All bids will be opened and read publicly at the time and date specified in the Notice of Advertisement for bids unless otherwise altered by addendum. All bidders are invited to attend the bid opening. No bids will be received after the time established for opening bids.
- E. All bids must be enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed to:
Attn: Adrian Cleckler
PARA
1600 James I. Harrison Jr. Blvd. East
Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35405
- F. All envelopes must have the Project Name and Bid Number indicated on the bottom left-hand side of the envelope.

2. Responsible, responsive bidders: PARA reserves the right to reject any bid submitted by a bidder determined not to be responsible or whose bid proposal is not responsive.

In determining whether a bidder or bid is responsible and/or responsive, PARA reserves the right to also request and consider the following factors:

- A. A current financial statement of the bidder and/ or bonding capability or limits.
- B. An accurate inventory of equipment to be used on the Project, a list of key personnel to be used on the Project, and detailed histories of their experience.
- C. A list of similar work performed by any person, firm, or corporation with the same name as the name or any of the names in the bidder's proposal within the last five (5) years.
- D. A statement from the bidder about bankruptcies, judgments, liens, or litigation within the last five (5) years. Such a statement shall also apply to each company, officer, and key personnel on the Project.
- E. Bidder's performance and prosecution of past projects for PARA.
- F. An unbalanced bid.

PARA may make such investigations as it deems necessary to determine the ability of the Bidder to perform the work, and the Bidder shall furnish PARA with all such information and data for this purpose as PARA may request. PARA reserves the right to reject any Proposal if the evidence submitted by, or investigation of, such Bidder fails to satisfy PARA that such Bidder is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the Contract and complete the work contemplated therein.

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4. Return of Bid Bonds: All bid bonds, except those of the awarded bidder, will be returned immediately after bids have been checked, tabulated, and the relation of the bids established

5. Forfeiture of Bid Bonds: Should the successful bidder to whom a contract is awarded fail to execute a contract(s) and furnish acceptable contract securities and evidence of insurance, PARA may retain the proposal guarantee if it is a cashier's check or recover from the principal or the sureties if the guaranty is a bid bond, the difference between the amount of the contract as awarded, and the amount of the proposals of the new lowest bidder. If no other bids are received, the total amount of the proposal guarantee may be retained and recovered as liquidated damages for such default. Any sum so retained or recovered shall be the property of the awarding authority.

6. Consideration of Bid Proposals:

A. Generally: The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder unless PARA determines that all the bids are unreasonable or that it is not in PARA's best interest to accept any of the bids.

The contract will be awarded to the lowest actual bid amount, defined as the total of the bid and/or extended total amounts for unit price items, plus requested and accepted additive or deductive alternatives, in accordance with the provisions.

PARA reserves the right to reject all bids and/or reject and rebid the Project should it determine that doing so is in PARA's best interest.

B. Minor irregularities, as determined by PARA or its representatives, will not render a bid non-responsive and may be waived by PARA.

C. Before bidding, bidders must possess all licenses and permits required by applicable law, rule, or regulation to perform the work.

D. Once PARA has determined the lowest responsible, responsive bidder as set forth herein. It may award the contract based on accepting and/or rejecting any additive and/or deductive alternatives to that bid as it determines it is in PARA's best interest.

E. No Bids or Only One Bid: If no bid proposals or only one bid proposal is received in response to PARA's Advertisement for Bids at the time stated for the opening of bids, PARA may elect at its discretion, any of the following options:

- 1) Advertise for and seek other competitive bids.
- 2) Direct that the work shall be done by force under its direction and control.
- 3) Negotiate for the work through the receipt of informal bids. However, if only one responsible and responsive bid has been received, any negotiation for the work shall be for a price lower than that bid.

7. Execution of Contract, Notice to Proceed: The contract award will be made within the time specified after the opening of the bids. The bidder to whom the award is made shall enter a written contract for the Project with PARA on the forms provided in the contract documents, furnish the required bond with proper surety, and furnish the evidence of insurance as required, all within seven (7) days of the prescribed forms being presented to the bidder. If extenuating circumstances prevail, PARA may grant an extension of time not exceeding five (5) days for the return of the contract, required bonds, and evidence of insurance. PARA or its representatives will issue a notice to proceed with the order within seven (7) days after PARA finalizes the contract. The Contractor shall begin work on the date specified in the Notice to Proceed.

8. Surety and Insurer Qualifications: All certificates of insurance and bonds (furnished in connection with the work to be performed under this contract) shall be countersigned by a licensed agent residing and engaged in doing business in the State of Alabama. The surety and insurer shall be licensed and authorized to do business in Alabama. The surety companies on bonds shall be rated A- or better by A. M. BEST and listed on the United States Treasury Department 570 list.

9. Power-of-Attorney: The attorney-in-fact (resident agent) who executes the payment bond on behalf of the surety must attach a notarized copy of his or her power-of-attorney as evidence of his/her authority to bind the surety of the date of execution of the bonds. Certification by a resident agent authorized to do business in Alabama is required.

10. Insurance: The successful contractor shall file with PARA, at the time of delivery of the signed contract, satisfactory evidence of insurance and the requirements outlined in the contract agreement. Satisfactory evidence of insurance shall include, at a minimum, the insurer's standard "Certificate of Insurance" (modified in accordance with the insurance requirements of the contract agreement) and the agent's insurance verification. If PARA deems additional evidence or clarification of insurance, etc., appropriate, the bidder shall promptly furnish the same to PARA upon request.

11. Examination of Contract Documents and the Site of the Project: Before submitting a bid proposal for the Project, each bidder shall carefully examine the Contract Documents, including but not limited to plans, drawings, specifications, contract, etc., visit the site, and satisfy itself as to the nature and location of the Project, and the general and local conditions, including weather, the general character of the site or building, the character and extent of existing work within or adjacent to the site, any other work being performed or proposed thereon at the time of submission of their bids. Submitting a proposal shall be primarily evidence that the bidder has conducted such examination and visit and has judged for and satisfied himself as to conditions to be encountered regarding the character, difficulties, quality, and quantities of work to be performed and the contract requirements. It shall be the Bidder's obligation to verify all information concerning site and surface conditions for himself and to his complete satisfaction.

PARA CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

1. Contract Documents: As used throughout the documents constituting the contract, the term "Contract Documents" shall mean and include the following: Advertisement for Bids, Addenda (if issued), the Instructions to Bidders, the Bid Proposal, the General Specifications, the Detail Specifications, Supplemental and Special Conditions (if supplied), together with this Contract Agreement and any modifications, including change orders, if made, and the drawings, plans and profiles that are now on file in the office referred to in the advertisement.

All such documents hereinabove enumerated are adopted herein by reference and constitute the Contract between the parties to the same extent as if each were set out in full in this agreement.

2. ADDITIONAL CONTRACT TERMS

- (a) Contractor agrees to indemnify PARA and hold it harmless against the following:
 - I. All claims for losses and liabilities for personal injury, death, or property damage growing out of or because of any work performed or materials provided by the Contractor.
 - II. All expenses related to claims or lawsuits resulting from the above, including court costs and attorney fees.
 - III. All penalties and damages incurred because Contractor failed to obtain any permit or license under, or comply with any applicable laws, ordinances, or regulations.
 - IV. Any claims from any claimants supplying labor or materials to the Contractor in the work required under this bid.
 - V. All claims for royalties, patent infringements or suits, including suits for information thereon which may be involved in the manufacture or use of items or services to be furnished.
- (b) PARA reserves the right to reduce or increase the specified number of mowing cycles based on budget, weather, special events, or other situations that will be in PARA's best interests.
- (c) PARA will allow 48 hours to complete any special requests outside the specified mowing cycles.
- (d) PARA reserves the right to demonstrate all items or services bid to its designated representative before awarding.
- (e) PARA will assume no transportation or handling charge other than as specified in this bid.
- (f) PARA is to be protected against any increase above the price in the bid.
- (g) PARA reserves the right to make an award in whole or in part to one or more bidders as deemed necessary and in PARA's best interests.

3. LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

Bidders shall comply with all local, state, and federal directives, orders, and laws applicable to this bid and subsequent contract(s).

4. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

The contractor shall secure and maintain insurance for the duration of this contract in such amounts as may be necessary to protect PARA's interest against hazards or risks of losses. The insurance coverage shall include:

- (a) Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance in an amount as required under the laws of the State of Alabama. If any work is sublet, the contract shall require the subcontractor to similarly provide Worker's Compensation Insurance for all the latter's employees.
- (b) Comprehensive General Liability Insurance shall not be less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and a minimum general aggregate of \$2,000,000.
- (c) Automobile Liability Insurance shall have a minimum combined single limit per occurrence of \$1,000,000. This insurance shall include third-party bodily injury and property damage liability for owned, hired, borrowed, and non-owned automobiles.

5. PROVISION FOR OTHER AGENCIES

Unless otherwise stipulated by the bidder, the bidder agrees that when submitting his bid to make available to all agencies, municipalities, and the County government within Tuscaloosa County the bid prices he submits, in accordance with the bid terms and conditions, should any said agency, municipality, or government wish to buy under this proposal.

6. COLLUSION

The bidder, by affixing his signature to this proposal, agrees to the following: "Bidder certifies that his bid is made without previous understanding, agreement, or connection with any person, firm, or corporation making a bid for the same items and is in all respects fair, without outside control, collusion, fraud, or otherwise illegal action."

7. VARIANCE IN CONDITIONS

All special conditions and specifications attached hereto, which vary from the General Conditions, shall have precedence.

8. RIGHT OF THE PARTY TO TERMINATE CONTRACT

If the Contractor should be adjudged as bankrupt, or if it should make a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors, or if a receiver should be appointed for the Contractor or any of its property, or if it should persistently or repeatedly refuse or fail to supply enough properly skilled workmen or if it should refuse or fail to make prompt payment to persons supplying labor for the Project under the Contract, or persistently disregard instructions or fail to observe or perform any provisions of the Contract documents, or fail or neglect to promptly prosecute or perform the Project in accordance with the contract documents or otherwise be guilty of a substantial violation of any provision of the Contract documents, then PARA may, on giving at least thirty (30) days written notice to the Contractor, without prejudice to any other rights or remedies of PARA in the premises, terminate the Contractor's right to proceed with the Project. In such event, PARA may take over the Project and prosecute the same to completion, by contract or otherwise, and the Contractor and its sureties shall be liable to PARA for any and all excess cost occasioned to PARA thereby, including attorney's fees; and in any such case, PARA may take possession of and utilize in completing the Project such appliances and plant of the Contractor or its subcontractors as may be on the site work and necessary or useful thereof. In the event of termination, the same shall not relieve the Contractor or any of its sureties of their obligations under this agreement. Suppose it becomes necessary for PARA to maintain any legal action against the contractor to enforce its rights herein. In that case, the Contractor shall pay PARA all expenses associated with that, including a reasonable attorney's fee.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

LENGTH OF CONTRACT:

The contract may be renewed for up to two additional mowing seasons at the bid price below, upon the written agreement of both parties.

SCOPE OF WORK:

During the regular growing season, PARA requires the grass and lawn areas to be cut at the times specified in the contract. Service will be required for each location at intervals indicated on the enclosed bid sheets (no cutting permitted on Saturday or Sunday).

DEFINITIONS:

Trash: Trash shall include all tree and lawn trimmings, leaves, pine straw, burned trash, rocks, bricks, dirt, ashes, lumber, bushes, and demolition-type waste.

Litter: Litter shall include garbage, refuse, waste, and trash, including but not limited to any paper, cartons, cans, metal, glass, plastic, wrappings, boxes, and cardboard.

Work and Services to be Performed by Contractor

1. Contractor agrees to furnish all labor, materials, tools, equipment, and transportation necessary to cut grass, weed flower beds, weed playgrounds, edge sidewalks, trim hedges, shrubs, and trees, blow off all hardtop and sidewalk areas, pick up trash, debris, and leaves around the PARA facilities and haul all trash and litter off the site.
2. Whether the site is cut by the tractor, mower, weed eater, or lawn mower, the debris from the cutting shall be blown off all parking lots, sidewalks, entrance areas, etc. Any excessive clippings will be raked up and removed from the site.
3. Grass should be cut to a height of two (2) inches.
4. All areas inaccessible with the open area cutting equipment must be trimmed mechanically. Examples of areas include, but are not limited to, utility poles, utility boxes, play units, fencing, flowerbeds, etc.
5. All walkways, entrance areas, and curbing will be mechanically edged during every cutting period. Flowerbeds and playgrounds should be weeded as needed, at least every other cut.
6. All trash and litter must be removed before each cutting. PARA will keep each site as clean as possible by scheduling regular crews to pick up litter. Still, it is the contractor's responsibility to police the area before each cutting and remove all trash and litter before each cutting.
7. The contractor must provide PARA with a monthly mowing cycle schedule. It must be provided and approved by the 25th of each month. The contractor must adhere to the schedule as closely as possible. A weekly completion report will be submitted to the Park Operations Manager each Friday at ccox@tcpara.org.
8. In inclement weather, the Contractor must contact the Park Superintendent, Steve Sturdvant, at ssturdvant@tcpara.org to discuss alternate arrangements.
9. All mowing cycles must be completed per the contract specifications. If a contractor misses a mowing cycle, the cost of that cut will be deducted from the check, and damages will be assessed. Suppose the contractor continues to miss cuts without PARA's notification or approval. In that case, the contract may be terminated, and the company may be disqualified from further bids due to poor performance.

10. The contractor will be assessed for any unapproved missed cutting cycles according to the following rates:
 - a) Mowing Areas under 5 acres will be assessed at \$600.00 per area.
 - b) Mowing Areas over 5 acres will be assessed at \$500.00 per area.
11. The Contractor shall always provide and maintain access to all public and private properties and be responsible for any damage caused by his operation to existing structures, windows, driveways, parking lots, utilities, etc.; such damage shall be corrected at the Contractor's expense.
12. Each mowing location will require two cuts in March (week of March 9th and March 23rd), two cuts in April (week of April 6 and April 20th), one every 7 days from May 4th through October 30th, and one in November. The estimated number of cuts, weather permitting, is 31.

MOWING LOCATIONS

1. Braughton Park, 13166 US Highway 11, Fosters
2. Capitol Park, 2800 6th Street, Tuscaloosa
(All sidewalks at Capitol Park must be edged; No chemicals allowed.)
3. Cardinal Park, 7325 Robert Cardinal Airport Road, Tuscaloosa
4. Evans-Roshell Park, 4006 40th Avenue NE, Tuscaloosa
5. Faucett Brothers Activity Center and Park, 13040 Eugenia Faucett Drive, Northport
6. Fosters Boat Landing, Fosters Landing Lane, Fosters
7. Freeman Park, 3001 Dragon Lane, Tuscaloosa
8. Harmon Park, 2901 Greensboro Avenue, Tuscaloosa
9. Hurricane Creek Park, 7005 Old Birmingham Highway, Tuscaloosa
10. Kentuck Park, 3401 5th Street, Northport
11. McAbee Activity Center, 3801 Loop Road, Tuscaloosa
12. McDonald Hughes Community Center, 3051 M. L. King Boulevard, Tuscaloosa
13. McKinney Park, 1400 19th Street, Tuscaloosa
14. Monnish Park, 1500 Hackberry Lane, Tuscaloosa
15. Newt Hinton Park (excluding inside baseball fencing), 300 Bobby Miller Parkway, Tuscaloosa
16. Palmore Park, 3701 Fosters Ferry Road, Tuscaloosa
17. Riverview Boat Landing, 599 7th Avenue NE, Tuscaloosa
18. Rock Quarry Park (excluding boat ramp area), 2200 Rock Quarry Drive, Tuscaloosa
19. Rosedale Park, Greensboro Avenue, across from Harmon Park, Tuscaloosa
20. Veterans Memorial Park, located adjacent to McFarland Boulevard East/University Mall
(All sidewalks must be edged; No chemicals allowed. If the mower damages landscape/monument lights, the contractor will incur a \$300 charge for each incident.)

PROPOSAL (BID)

Location	Price per cut	Location	Price per cut
Braughton Park		McAbee Activity Center	
Capitol Park		McDonald Hughes	
Cardinal Park		McKinney Park	
Evans-Roshell Park		Monnish Park	
Faucett Brothers Park		Newt Hinton Park	
Fosters Boat Landing		Palmore Park	
Freeman Park		Riverview Boat Landing	
Harmon Park		Rock Quarry Park	
Hurricane Creek Park		Rosedale Park	
Kentuck Park		Veterans Memorial Park	

The name of the Bidder submitting this Proposal is _____

doing business at _____
Address _____ State _____ Zip _____

which is the address to which all communications concerned with this Proposal and the Contract shall be sent. Bidder's contact person for additional information on this Proposal:

Signature of Bidder: _____ **Telephone:** _____

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, said Contractor has hereto affixed its signature and said PARA has caused these presents to be executed by Brian Davis, CEO of Tuscaloosa Park & Recreation Authority, and attested by the Executive Assistant, on the day and year first above written, in four counterparts, each of which shall, without proof or accounting for the other, be accepted as an original.

Contractor/Party of the First Part

Principal/Owner

**Tuscaloosa County Park & Recreation Authority
CORPORATION/PARTY OF THE SECOND PART, OWNER**

ATTEST:

Executive Assistant

Brian Davis, CEO

BID BOND TO PARA

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that we, the undersigned, _____ as Principal and _____ as Surety (**NOTE:** If cashier's check drawn on an Alabama Bank utilized in lieu of corporate surety, attach check as required by bid documents) are hereby held and firmly bound unto PARA, a Public Corporation, as obligee, hereinafter called PARA, in the sum of _____ Dollars (\$ _____) for the payment of which sum, well and truly to be made, the said Principal and Surety hereby jointly and severally bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns.

The condition of the above obligation is such that, whereas the principal has submitted to PARA a certain Bid (Proposal), attached hereto, and made a part hereof, to enter a contract in writing with PARA for the following Project or portion thereof:

Project: _____

Location: _____

Project Manager: _____

Project Number: _____

NOW, THEREFORE,

(a) If said Bid shall be rejected or in the alternate,

(b) If said Bid shall be awarded and the Principal shall execute and deliver a contract in the Form of Agreement as included in the Contract Documents for the Project, and shall execute and deliver Payment Bond in the Forms as attached to the Contract Documents executed by a surety company authorized and qualified to make such bonds in the State of Alabama and in the amounts as required by the Instructions to Bidders and submit the insurance certifications as required by the bid document and fulfill all other qualifications and requirements of the Contract Documents and bid specifications (all completed correctly in accordance with said Bid), and shall in all other respects perform the agreement created by the acceptance of said Bid within thirty (30) days after the prescribed forms have been presented to Bidder for execution; Then, this obligation shall be void, otherwise, the same shall remain in full force and effect; it being expressly understood and agreed that the liability of the Surety for any and all default of the Principal hereunder shall be the amount of this obligation as herein stated.

The Surety, for value received, hereby stipulates and agrees that the obligations of said Surety and its bond shall in no way be impaired or affected by any extension of the time within which PARA may accept such Bid, and said Surety does hereby waive notice of any such extension.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the above-bonded parties have executed this instrument under their several seals, this _____ day of _____, 20____ the name and the corporate seal of each corporate party being hereto affixed, and these presents duly signed by its undersigned representative, according to the authority of its governing body.

WITNESS:

PRINCIPAL:

(SEAL)

By: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

SURETY:

(SEAL)

(Business Address)

ATTEST:

By: _____

Title: _____

Attorney in Fact

NOTE: Surety must be qualified and duly authorized to make bonds in the state. All Bonds and Sureties are subject to review and approval by PARA. The current valid Power of Attorney for Corporate Surety must be attached. Bidder may submit a cashier's check drawn on an Alabama bank, payable to PARA, equal to 5% of the bid amount, instead of a Corporate Surety, under the same terms.

Braughton Park

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-  Fosters Farmers Market
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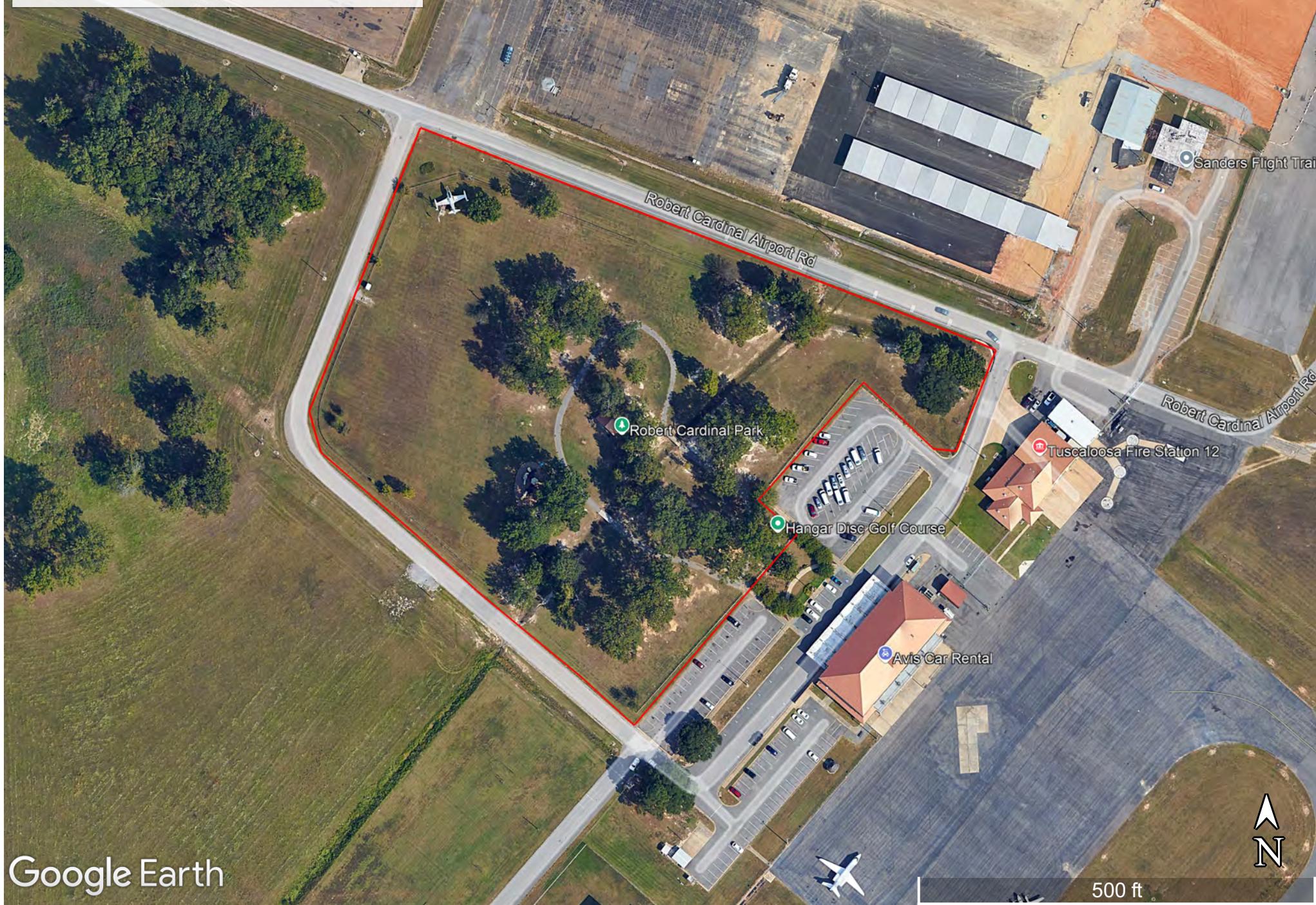
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Capitol Park

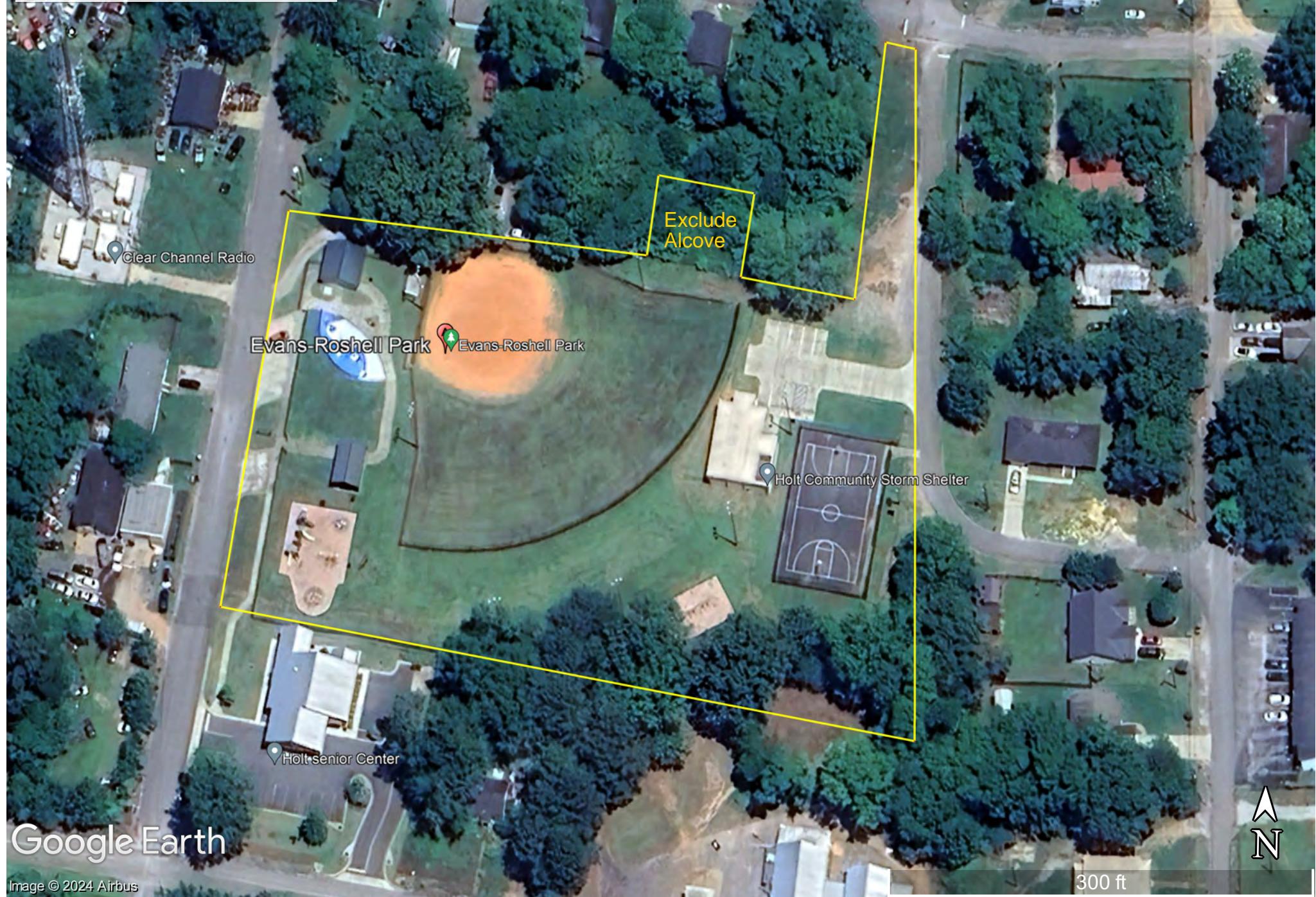


Cardinal

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Evans Roshell Park



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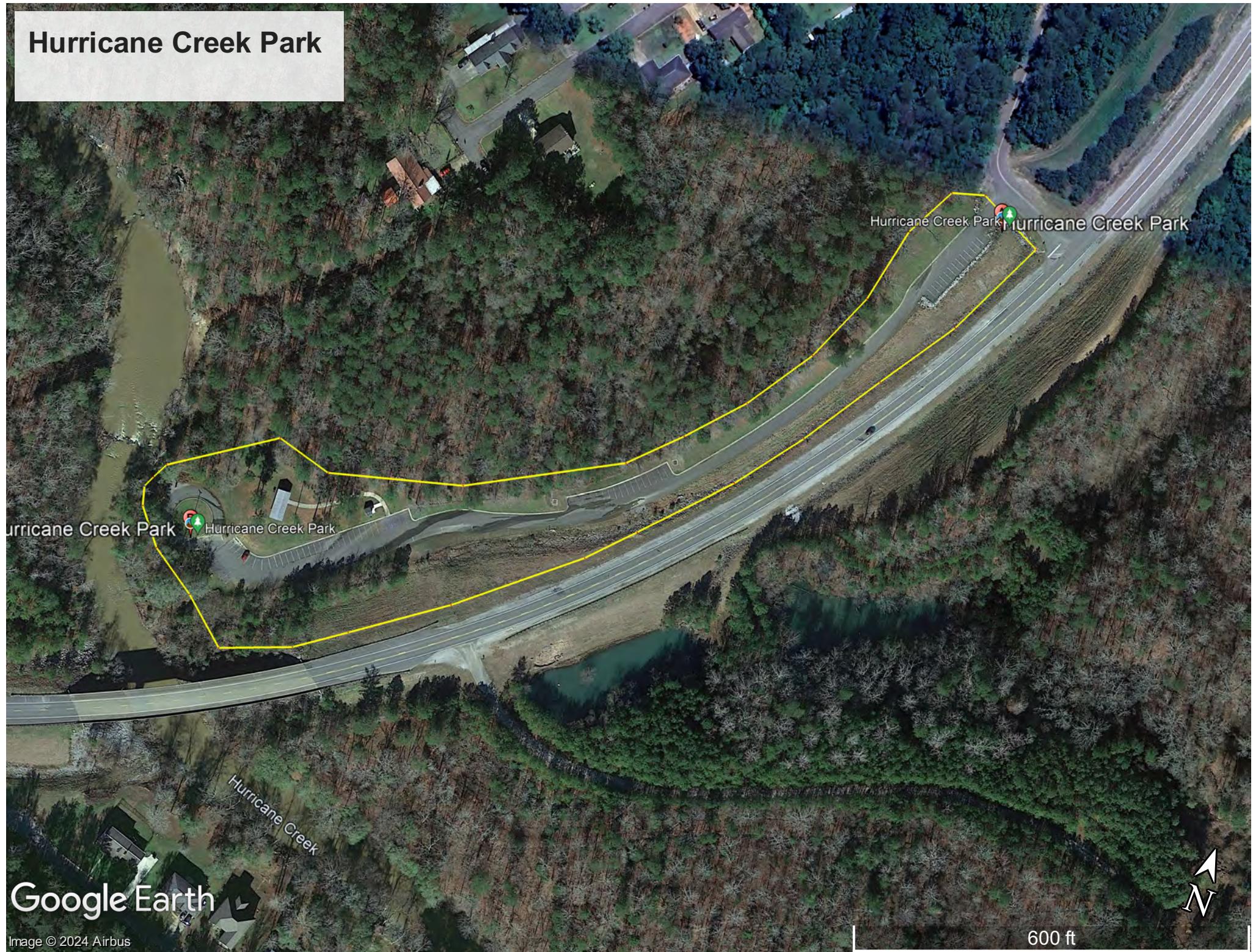


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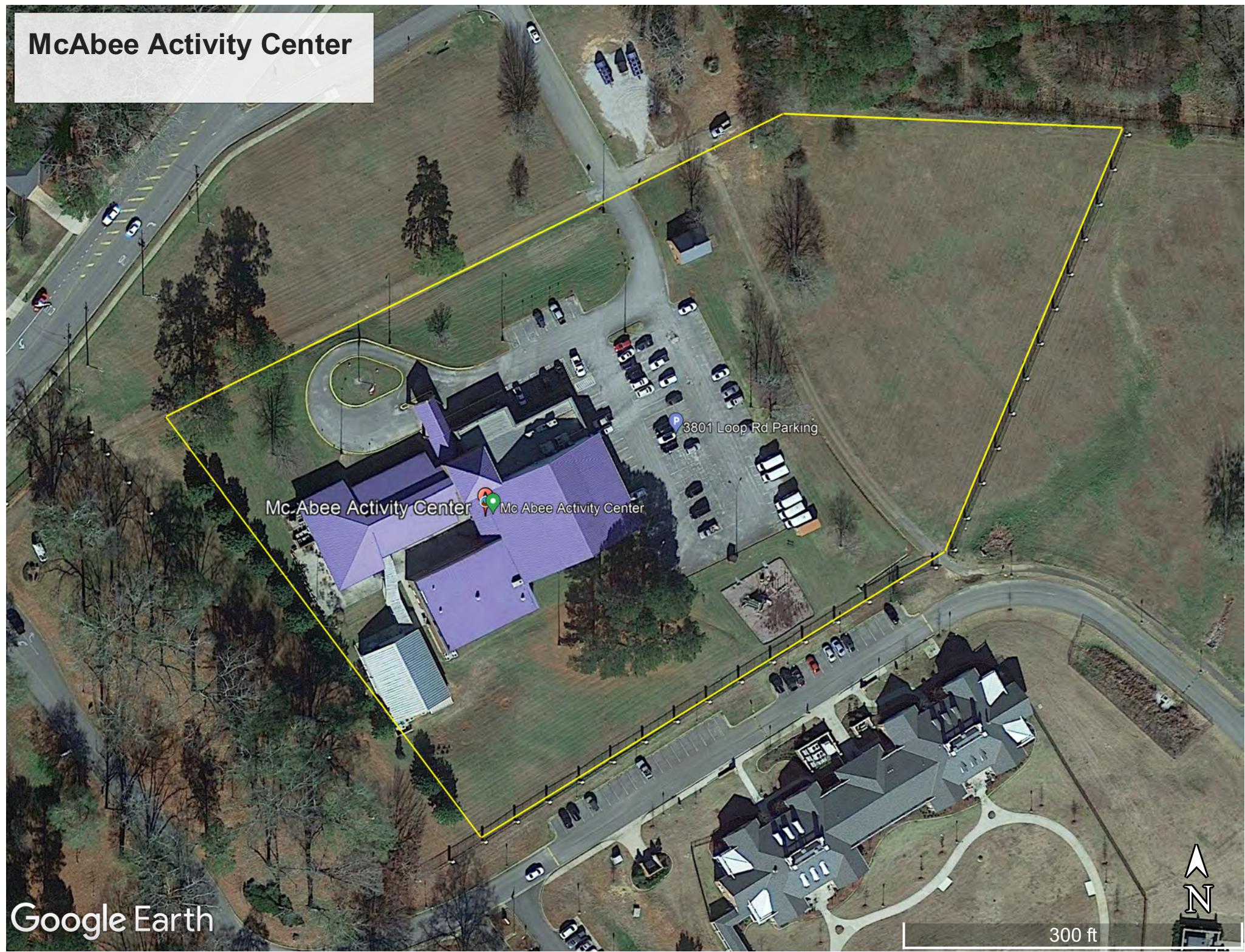
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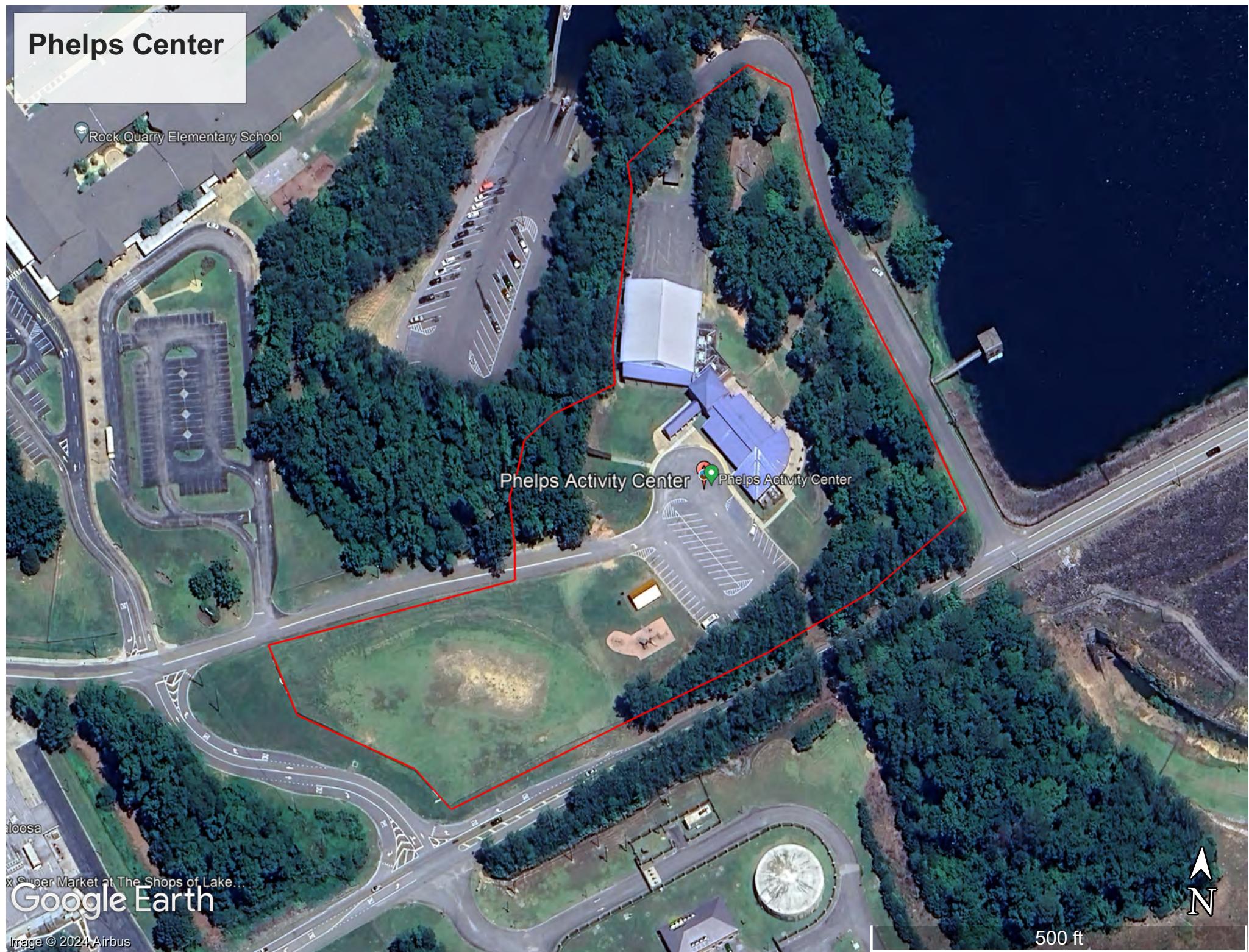


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